

# Milwaukee County's Older Population

## Social and Economic Characteristics

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	Milwaukee County		Wisconsin
Household Income (Householder Age 65+)		Percent	Percent
Income less than \$35,000	51,660	64.5%	65.2%
Income less than \$50,000	64,038	80.0%	80.4%

Persons 65+ with Incomes Below Poverty Level	Number	Percent	Percent
Below Poverty	9,783	8.5%	7.4%
Below 2.0 x Poverty	33,501	29.1%	29.6%

Median Income: Comparing Age Groups		Dollars	Dollars
Total (Householders of all ages)		\$38,100	\$43,791
Householder 65 to 74 years		\$30,497	\$31,328
Householder 75 years and over		\$22,223	\$21,046

Employment Status: Persons Age 65+	Number	Percent	Percent
Males Employed in Civilian Labor Force	6,841	14.5%	17.7%
Females Employed in Civilian Labor Force	6,602	8.9%	9.3%

Educational Attainment: Persons Age 65+	Number	Percent	Percent
65+; Less than 9th grade	16,519	13.6%	17.8%
65+; 9th to 12th grade; no diploma	23,259	19.2%	15.5%
65+; High school graduate (includes equivalency)	44,163	36.4%	38.2%
65+; Some college; no Bachelor's degree	20,387	16.8%	13.7%
65+, Bachelor's degree or more	17,085	14.1%	12.7%

Marital Status: Persons Age 65+	Number	Percent	Percent
Never married	8,837	7.3%	4.7%
Married	54,588	45.0%	52.9%
Separated	6,371	5.2%	5.2%
Widowed	41,632	34.3%	31.3%
Divorced	9,985	8.2%	5.9%
<b>Males</b> , 65 and over, married	29,916	63.5%	71.3%
<b>Females</b> , 65 and over, married	24,672	33.2%	39.9%

Disability Status, Persons Age 65+	Number	Percent	Percent
Persons 65 or older with any disability	45,624	39.7%	36.5%
With a sensory disability	13,999	12.2%	11.9%
With a physical disability	30,170	26.2%	24.1%
With a mental disability	10,152	8.8%	7.6%
With a self-care disability	9,729	8.5%	7.5%
With a go-outside-home disability	23,710	20.6%	17.7%
Age 65+, with disability and income below poverty level	5,447	11.9%	10.6%